



MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

PORTWATCH

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Winter Beauty

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House.....Eric Bombery
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Race & Regatta.....Sam Nedeau,
Josh Wallace
Social.....Rome Palmer, Scott Miller

MYC STAFF

General Manager.....Kim Nguyen
Executive Chef.....Caleb Westbrook
Business Manager.....Sue Peters
Facilities Manager.....Nicky Anderson

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Portwatch Submissions:

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Deadline for content
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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

West Michigan spent the last week confronting record low and high temperatures, replacing paralyzing cold with impenetrable fog as of this writing. MYC staff spent the last two weeks reassembling the Club and our newly remodeled kitchen, while scrambling to cover for Chef Wes' unanticipated departure and a host of weather-related challenges at the Club. Past Chef Adam helped cover in the kitchen until we were able to hire Chef Caleb, who many of you likely met at his first day on duty--the Saturday of Bob Harvey's well-attended memorial. Facilities Manager Nicky spent a lot of quality time with a heat gun and Club plumbing during the two-day shutdown last week. While we have a sparkling clean Club and a much-improved kitchen operation to kick-off 2019, let's hope all the challenges of the last few weeks are not the new normal. Many thanks to our incredibly dedicated staff for handling all of these unanticipated challenges while most of us were at home exploring the depths of our blanket collections.

As a Board, we're working on our annual budgeting process and considering some potential bylaw revisions for presentation to the membership. If the proposal makes it out of committee, we're considering measures that would allow for all voting members to vote in annual elections without attending the annual meeting. Given that less than 30 of our 200+ voting members attended our last annual meeting, we're looking for ways to allow for greater member involvement in Club elections.

The days are getting longer and Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow. I don't want to jinx anything, but let's hope we can put most of the blanket collection and all of our heat guns away soon. See you at the Club.

Brad

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On behalf of the Membership Committee, we are happy to welcome back to the MYC Family:

Wayne Raterink

Associate Member

Comstock Park, MI

2019 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2019 Collected:

\$ 5,454

+

12/31/18 Balance:

\$29,687



2019 Expenditures:

Available Balance =

\$35,141



Membership Committee Report:

New Member Incentive: Anyone joining MYC during the Grand Rapids Boat Show February 13 - 17 will receive 1/2 off the initiation fee!

Save the Date – MYC Spring Open House April 13, 2019

A New Member Incentive will be available. Live Music from Brett Dame at 2 pm. We will be open to the public all day!



House Committee Report:

Announcing our new Executive Chef - Caleb Westbrook!

Caleb comes to us with extensive experience, education and a history of creativity. Caleb obtained his degree from Grand Valley State University and has over 15 years of kitchen experience working in both private clubs and public restaurants.

Chef Caleb has one pre-existing commitment and will be out for a short time in early April. He will be in Augusta, Georgia leading a team of other culinarians at the 2019 Masters Tournament at the corporate sponsorship chalets.

In his spare time, Caleb enjoys spending time hiking outdoors, fishing and gardening. He is very excited to start his new position and is looking forward to the challenges and experiences that this unique opportunity will surely bring. Caleb will take on all responsibilities as the Executive Chef and will report directly to Kim.

Please join us in welcoming and congratulating Chef Caleb Westbrook in his new role as Executive Chef at MYC!



Dean Runk & Jon Tasker doing “warranty” work on our beautiful bar top.

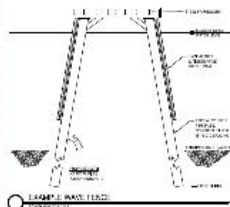


Outer Dock Committee Report:

The Outer Dock Committee has been reviewing the pros & cons of the following five outer dock options in order to solve the short term and long term issues we have had at the marina the last four years.

PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#) TO VIEW MORE LEGIBLE IMAGES.

Option A



ISSUES TO CONSIDER

1. HIGH PROFILES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PROTECTION FROM COLLISIONS
2. PROPOSED SLAKE WALLS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PROTECTION
3. PROPOSED FENCE IS TO BE CONSIDERED

PROS

- ADDITIONAL SLAKE WALLS TO BE CONSIDERED
- PROPOSED FENCE

CONS

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Option A1



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Option A2

QUESTIONS

1. PARKING COSTS FOR SIDEVIEW MIRRORS EXCEEDED FOR THIS OPTION.
2. SIDEVIEW MIRRORS = 400.00 PER HOUR OF USE WITH 1000 PER HOUR.
3. SIDEVIEW MIRRORS WITH SIDEVIEW MIRRORS.

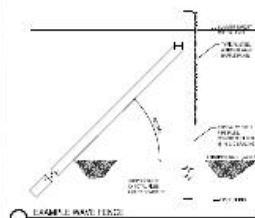
PROS

PROS
 - PROPOSED CITY PARKING LOT
 - NEW CONCRETE WALKWAY
 - SIDEVIEW MIRRORS

CONS

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 - COST OF SIDEVIEW MIRRORS
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Option B

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Option C

**PROS**

1. CHEAPER TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN FOR THE CLUB
2. EASIER TO INSTALL AND REMOVE
3. EASIER TO MAINTAIN

CONS

- Not as secure as other options
- Not as durable as other options
- Not as aesthetically pleasing

Club Hours of Operation

	<u>Bar Hours</u>	<u>Kitchen Hours</u>
Monday:	Club Closed	Club Closed
Tuesday:	Club Closed	Club Closed
Wednesday:	4pm – 10pm	4pm – 9pm
Thursday:	4pm – 10pm	4pm – 9pm
Friday:	12pm – 11pm	12pm – 9pm
Saturday:	12pm – 11pm	12pm – 9pm
Sunday:	1pm – 9pm	1pm – 8pm



Juniors Committee Report:

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR 2019 MYC SAILING SCHOOL CLASSES!



The schedule for 2019 Sailing School classes and the 2019 Sailing School Registration Form have been updated on the MYC Sailing School web site.

- Regular sailing classes start the week of June 24 and will run weekly through the week of August 12.
- Monday evening adult and family sessions will run from June 24 through August 12.
- Race Camp and Volunteer Assistant Instructor Training June 17-20.

Click the following link to visit the MYC Sailing School web site:

<http://www.mycsailingschool.org>

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2019 MYC JUNIOR RACE TEAM!



The MYC Junior Race Team is a great opportunity for youth sailors to engage in the sport and make lifelong friends! The 2019 MYC Junior Race Team practice and regatta schedule are now posted on the MYC web site. This year we are eagerly seeking new sailors for the team, especially younger kids for our Optimist fleet. Please spread the word to your kids, grandkids and neighbors!

Click the following link for more info and the 2019 Registration Form:

<http://www.muskegonyachtclub.org/myc-juniors/>

2019 WEST MICHIGAN YOUTH SAILING REGATTA DATES

At its annual meeting on December 2, the West Michigan Youth Sailing Association announced its regatta dates for 2019. The schedule for these Friday regattas will be as follows:

- June 28 at Macatawa Bay YC
- July 12 at Spring Lake YC
- July 26 at White Lake YC
- August 9 at Muskegon YC

For more information about the West Michigan Youth Sailing Association, go to the following link: www.westmichiganyouthsailing.org

Follow the West Michigan Youth Sailing Association on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/grjuniorsailing/>

2019 BUTTERFLY NATIONALS

The 2019 Butterfly Nationals will take place at Crystal Lake YC on July 16-18.

2019 WMYA WESTERNS

The 2019 WMYA Westerns will take place at White Lake YC on Aug 1-4.

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO FOLLOW THE JUNIORS ON FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/Muskegon-Junior-Sailing-Program-134232283314396/>

HIGH SCHOOL SAILING

For info and news about HS sailing, go to <https://missa.hssailing.org>

COLLEGIATE SAILING

For info and news about collegiate sailing in the Midwest go to:

<https://mcsa.collegesailing.org>

The New England Patriots weren't the only winners this past Sunday

Social Chairwomen Rome Palmer & Renee Rutz sold over 200 squares at the recent MYC Super Bowl party and a number of MYC members came out ahead no matter who they were rooting for in the game. The day kicked off with a jam session led by MYC's Tom Udell & Rob Rafson to help the club get going again after a long layoff in January for cleaning. U of M grad Tom Brady, still with close Michigan ties, was so confident that the Pat's would win his 6th Super Bowl ring, he gave one of his old rings to Rome earlier last week (see pic) through a mutual friend.



Rome Palmer & Renee Rutz
Super Bowl Sunday at MYC



Dock & Yard Committee Report:



2019 Open Slips *** Price does not include Membership ***

- Slip 2, 46 foot slip, \$3,230 for 2018, starboard tie off
- Slip 3, 46 foot slip, \$3,230 for 2018, port tie off
- Slip 4, 46 foot slip, \$3,230 for 2018, starboard tie off
- Slip 5, 46 foot slip, \$3,230 for 2018, port tie off
- Slip 8, 46 foot slip, \$3,230 for 2018, starboard tie off
- Slip 9, 46 foot slip, \$3,230 for 2018, port tie off
- Slip 14, 38 foot slip, \$2,675 for 2018, starboard tie off
- Slip 15, 38 foot slip, \$2,675 for 2018, port tie off
- Slip 17, 30 foot slip, \$2,150 for 2018, port tie off
- Slip 18, 38 foot slip, \$2,675 for 2018, starboard tie off
- Slip 20, 38 foot slip, \$2,675 for 2018, port tie off
- Slip 24, 38 foot slip, \$2,675 for 2018, port tie off
- Slip 26, 38 foot slip, \$2,675 for 2018, port tie off
- Slip 27, 38 foot slip, \$2,675 for 2018, starboard tie off
- Slip 30, 38 foot slip, \$2,675 for 2018, port tie off
- Slip 62, 28 foot slip, \$1,940 for 2018, port tie off
- Slip 81, 28 foot slip, \$1,940 for 2018, port tie off



News From the General Manager:

After a large kitchen renovation project and lots of cleaning & organizing, the MYC clubhouse has now reopened. I would like to share with you how the month progressed. First, we emptied the kitchen and mop closet out to start the renovation project. Next, the kitchen was off limits for 2 weeks as construction happened. This gave the kitchen staff time to deep clean all items in the spinnaker room. On Saturday, 1/19 most of the heavy construction was complete and the kitchen was accessible. The staff worked around the clock cleaning walls, floors, coolers, and freezers as everything was covered in dust. On Monday, 1/21 we started loading the kitchen back up with all the stuff from the spinnaker room and rewashed every dish in the building. Between all of this the Lakeview room, bar, back room, chairs, walk in coolers, foyer, windows, walls, and carpets were all deep cleaned. Now, I will admit, on Monday, I questioned the ability to get everything done on time to open. However, we are here and it is done - thanks to a few very long days and an amazing staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest thanks to the MYC staff for going above and beyond the call of duty this month. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. The staff stepped up to the plate in light of our chef abruptly resigning. We were short-handed, tired, and stressed. However, we all came together and got the job done. I hope you all know how much I appreciate you and your loyalty to MYC. It is no easy task to clean and renovate an entire club with only a few hands on deck in such a short amount of time. Way to go staff - way to stay under budget and on time! I also want to express my sincerest thanks to Adam White, who graciously offered to help us in our time of need. Your professionalism, attitude, and kindness is admirable. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

A huge thank you to Jack Andree for expediting our stainless steel needs. Your help is appreciated beyond words and thank you to Dean Runk & Jon Tasker for coming in and doing some "warranty" work on our bar top. It is very nice to be able to call upon our members for help when needed and they come through for all of us. Many thanks gentlemen.

In closing, the renovation will help our kitchen operations going forward. Did you know before the renovation, we had a 2 foot walk space between our sinks and hot line? Now we have, 6 feet 3 inches of walk space. It is truly

amazing. We are very grateful for this project and know it is a game changer when it comes to the kitchen operations and the safety of our employees.

I hope to see you around the club soon.

Kim Nguyen
General Manager
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MYC Kitchen "Before"



“During”





Almost Completed:





From the Business Office:

Thanks to those who have already paid **2019 Membership Dues**. Your membership card and new, red parking permit will be arriving soon in the mail. We look forward to receiving everyone's dues by March 15th at the latest to avoid a 20% late payment penalty.

Also, thanks to those who paid the \$100 lump sum **2019 Capital Improvement Fund** contribution by January 31st. All others will be billed \$10 per month. (Of course, you may pay ahead if you wish to avoid the monthly billing. Call or email me if you have any questions.)

We encourage you to consider using our other convenient options – contact me to sign-up:

- Paperless Emailed Billing Statements
- Automatic Credit/Debit Card Bill Pay

In accordance with our credit policy (see pages 45-47 in the Handbook), please make sure we have valid credit or debit card information on file for your account.

Finally, please update us with any changes in your member information – address, phone, email, boat information, etc. Our 2019 Roster will be published soon and we want your information to be accurate!

Thank you,
Sue Peters



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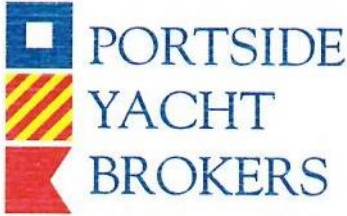
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3	4	5	6 Euchre Night 7pm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 GR Boat Show Euchre Night 7pm	14 GR Boat Show	15 GR Boat Show	16 GR Boat Show
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If you have events or meetings you'd like added to the Portwatch or website calendars, please contact Sue Peters sue@muskegonvachtclub.org